

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Claire RICHTARCH

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Examiner:

For: METHOD OF PREPARING A SURFACE
OF A SEMICONDUCTOR WAFER TO
MAKE IT EPIREADY

Attorney Docket No.: 4717-11300

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Sir:

Pursuant to applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, enclosed is a Form PTO-1449 which lists two (2) references for the Examiner's review and consideration. These references are cited in the specification of the present application.

Pursuant to the recent rule change in the Official Gazette, copies of the U.S. references are not submitted. It is respectfully requested that these references be made of record in this application by the Examiner's completion and return of the PTO Form 1449.

No fee or certification is believed to be due for this submission since the references are being submitted concurrent with the filing of this application. Should any fees be required, however, please charge such fees to Winston & Strawn LLP Deposit Account No. 501-814.

Respectfully submitted,

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	AA	5,895,583	4/1999	Augustine et al.	216	53	
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

OTHER REFERENCES (*Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.*)

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